

Since FBLA coincides with Valentine's Day each year, Portageville FBLA uses a Valentine's theme in our activities. Our activities are as follows:

"HUSH DAY"—Boys can't talk to the girls all day at school. If the boys talk to a girl, he must give her his "heart". The girls, of course, try to get the boys to talk to them so they can get their heart. About 10 minutes before the end of the day, I call over the intercom for all girls with over so many hearts to come to my room. Whichever girl has the most hearts is declared "Queen of the Hearts". I take her picture and put it on the FBLA week bulletin board; and she receives a soda and candy. Materials needed: hearts cut out of construction paper, hole punch, yarn, and a list of all teacher's 1st hour classes. A week before, our FBLA members meet during lunch and cut out (we use a die cut machine) enough red hearts for all the male students and pink hearts for all the girl students. Using the teacher's rosters, we write the student's names on the hearts, hole punch, thread white yarn and tie a knot to make a necklace. We make a brown envelope for each teacher that has a first hour class; taping the roster to the outside of the envelope and placing the student's hearts inside the envelope. I take the envelopes to the teachers before the 1st hour bell rings and ask them to pass out the boy's hearts and instruct the student's that today is "Hush Day" and boys can't talk to the girls and if they do, they must give the girl their heart. We also tell the teacher that tomorrow will be "Shush Day" and to please keep the envelope and pass out the girl's hearts 1st hour the next day. The secretary does an announcement the next day reminding the teachers to pass out the girl's hearts.

"SHUSH DAY"—Usually the day after "Hush Day." Same as "Hush Day" except student roles are reversed. The boy with the most hearts at the end of the day is declared "King of the Hearts". I ask the "Queen of the Hearts" to also come to my room so I can take their picture together. The yearbook sponsor puts the picture in the yearbook.

"FIELD TRIP"—One day of FBLA week is spent visiting the Business Ed Expo held annually at Sikeston schools.

"TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY"—FCCLA helps FBLA with this day. We buy gifts for the teachers, e.g. pens, cups; and always provide food, e.g. fruit trays, dip & chips, sweets...

"BEST LIPS CONTEST"—FBLA sets up a "kissing booth" in the lobby during lunch on Wednesday. Boys and girls who want to participate, put on lipstick and kiss an index card. I have a sheet of paper divided into two columns. One side labeled boys and the other side labeled girls. Under each column, I number 1-25. After a student kisses a card, they hand it to me and without anyone seeing, I write a random number on the back of the card and then write the student's name beside that same number on the sheet of paper. I put all the girls cards in one envelope and the boys in a separate envelope. After lunch, I write the number in the corner on the front of the index cards and glue all the girls cards to a poster board and all the boys cards to a separate poster board, and staple the FBLA bulliten board in the hall with a note that voting will take place for the "Best PHS Girl's Lips" and the "Best PHS Boy's Lips" Friday at lunch. We take down the posters and display at the place of voting. We have slips of paper labeled Girls _____ and students write the number from the index cards. We count the votes and announce the winners at the end of day and have the student's come to my room for treats and to have their pictures taken.

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